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Exotic Newcastle Disease Emergency Order

Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) is a foreign animal disease which is contagious, highly fatal viral disease affecting all species of birds. It is one of the most infectious diseases of poultry in the world. END is known to spread rapidly and can cause extremely high mortality rates, approaching 100% loss in poultry and game bird flocks. Movement of infected birds or contaminated materials or equipment can easily spread the disease.

Therefore, by authority of N.J.A.C 2:2-1.2, this order is issued the 2nd day of April, 2003, and is effective immediately in order to protect the health status of the New Jersey poultry industry, gamebird industry, pet bird and wild bird populations:

1. No avian species or avian products originating from or have transited through counties containing avian species diagnosed with END, and counties adjoining these infected counties, will be allowed entry into the state of New Jersey.
2. All live birds and hatching eggs of any avian species entering New Jersey must obtain a permit for entry that will appear on the original health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian. In addition, a statement that the bird(s) are healthy and did not originate from or have transited through counties containing poultry diagnosed with END, and counties adjoining these infected counties, must also appear on the health certificate. VS FORM 9-2 or 9-3 may be used in lieu of the health certificate. A Poultry Inspection Certificate may be used for live birds of any avian species entering a live poultry market in New Jersey, in lieu of a health certificate.
3. All live birds of any avian species being transported directly to a USDA recognized slaughterhouse or a slaughter-only livestock auction are exempt from obtaining a health certificate, but still must obtain a permit.
4. Permits may be obtained by contacting the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health, at (609) 292-3965, Monday-Friday, 8:45 a.m.- 4:45 p.m.

The only exceptions to this Order will be by written approval of the New Jersey State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk determination.

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